FRUIT GROWERS REQUIRE ONLY BILL OF INCORPORATION.

NEW COMPANY WILL BEGIN CA-REER WITH AMPLE CAPITAL.

The full amount of stock required by The full amount of stock required by statute was subscribed yesterday by the members of the Kootenay Fruit Grawers association, and the necessary steps will be taken as soon as possible to forward a properly signed memorial to the provincial government: Incorporation will then be sought by private bill, which will be introduced by Harry Wright, M.L.A. Since it was first mooted the project has suffered some vicissitudes. The members are widely scattered and meet only at the meetings of the association in Nelson. Consequently, misunderstandings were almost inevitable, Moreover, many of the members were unfamiliar win company business generally and with British Columbia company law in general. Each mistake that was made, due to such causes, required a special meeting to recursive the sufficiency of the substance of the superior of the members were unfamiliar with company to the sufficiency of the members were unfamiliar with company the sufficiency of the members were unfamiliar with company the sufficiency of the members were unfamiliar to the members were unfamiliar and the members were unfamiliar to the members were unfamiliar to the members were unfamiliar to the members were unfamiliar and the members were unfamiliar to the members were unfamiliar t

At the annual meeting, held in Nelson on January 8, several irregular proceedings occurred. Voting by proxy was allowed, which is contrary to the statute, and directors were formally elected for a company which was not then in existence. To bring these proceedings into centormity with the legal requirements, and also to expedite the subscription of shares, a special meeting was held in the board of trade rooms yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. There were present: James Johnstone, in the chair; T. Moriey, secretary; J. E. Annable, T. M. Sturgess, T. G. Proctor, J. W. Holmes, James Williams, Harry Williams, W. Rutherford, J. W. Ford, C. C. Bourke, H. H. Sewell, F. J. Sammons, W. Haig-Smelle, S. S. Fraser, A. Cameron, C. Moore, J. Hyslop, J. Laing Stocks, H. Oliver, J. Blakey, W. T. Oliver, J. Appleton, J. Mackay, W. B. Clayton, C. G. Broadwood and many others. the annual meeting, held in Nelson

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The President—We have found since our last meeting that we have not sufficient capital subscribed. For various reasons, many who promised to take a large number of shares have since changed their minds and taken only one. Now if we are to proceed with the Incorporation, we must straighten out our difficulties and complete the subscription of stock today. Secretary Morley read the minutes of the annual meeting, and of the directors secretary Moriey read the minutes of the annual meeting, and of the directors' meeting. The minutes contained a memo by the secretary that two resolutions passed were irregular, one making the number of directors seven, and the other permitting vote by proxy.

In reply to J. W. Ford, the secretary read the steature on the subject and was

secretary had exceeded his authority in declaring the proceedings irregular. A controversy between S. S. Fraser and T. M. Sturgess as to the legal number of directors was interrupted by the president, who said:

"The first condition we have to meet is the subscription of sufficient capital. On a capitalization of \$5,000 we must have \$1.250 in hand. We have only \$770."

C. T. Broadwood urged that technical arguments be dropped, and the business of incorporation be proceeded with.

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C. G. Broadwood's explanation that no censure on the secretary was implied was heartly approved.
The secretary read correspondence better the secretary read correspondence between the secretary and the other directors in The secretary read correspondence between himself and the other directors in which he had pointed out the irregularities of the proceedings, and the hesitation of members as to subscribing for shares. Mr. Morley's letter to S. S. Fraser lucidly explained the difficulties in the way, and expressed regret at the general reduction of the number of sharles to one by each member. one by each member.
A letter of T. M. Sturgess also referred
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C. Bourke deprecated recrimination C. C. Bourke deprecated recriminations and urged expedition to complete the incorporation for the general benefit.

The secretary reported, in reply to questions, that 191 shares had beeer subscribed, of which 37 had since been withdrawn.

J. L. Stocks-We must either advance or give up. I abide by my subscription, with or without dividends, and irrespective of what others do.

The spirit of harmony returned and informal conferring quickly resulted in the completion of the subscription of the required 250 shares at \$20 each, of which with the completion of the subscription of the

quired 250 shares at \$20 each, of which \$5 will be paid up. The old officers were then re-elected provisionally, except T. Morley, who decimed to act as secretary.

A vote of confidence in Mr. Morley was unanimously adopted with applause. Mr. Morley explained that his other business engagements made further performance of the duties of secretary impossible. The matter of appointing his successor was then left to the provisional directors.

The formal memorial to the government asking for incorporation was then signed by all the members present. It has still to be signed by a few who were unavoidably absent. It will then be forwarded to Victoria.

The completion of the preliminary work was hailed with satisfaction by all the members, who look forward to a successful and profitable career for the new com-The resignation of secretary Morley was The resignation of secretary morely was generally regretted and many efforts were made to induce him to reconsider his decision. He has performed the arduous duties incidental to the organization of a new association zealously and successfully, and entirely gratuitously. It will not, it was felt, be an easy matter to find a successful.

necessor.

The association was in session about we hours and a half. It adjourned to the till of the chair.

PROVINCIAL MINE TAXATION.

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Eidtor The Daily News:
Dear Sir-During the past year you have frequently criticised the methods of our finance minister, rightly urging, as I think, that the present system of taxing land is in the interest of speculators and not of the men who really desire to use it. May I again use your valuable paper to point out that our system of taxing mines is equally injudicious and its injurious effects are seen in the extremely slow growth of the mining industry in soite of the present most favorable condislow growth of the mining muser, apple of the present most favorable condi-

Great progress should have been made during the last year, the prices of metals were high, numbers of good mines and prospects in a more or less developed state lay ready for work asd there was a marked absence of labor troubles. a marked absence of labor troubles.

There has been some progress; the high prices of metals more than offset even the bad system of mining taxation just as settlers have poured into the Okanagan valley in spite of bad land laws, Nevertheless, the following sentence appeared in The Sandon Mining Standard December 30, 1905: "Although silver and lead are high in price—te highest for years—mining operations are at their lowest edb. This state of affairs I maintain is the natural result of taxing the men who mane 2 per cent of their product and allowing others to hold valuable property at a nominal tax.

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Close to my home are two splendid object lessons of the result of our present a stem. They are the Mountain Chief and the Alpha mines. Both are considered valuable properties; both have been remarkably productive for the short time they were worked; neither can they by any means be considered exhausted. Both have been lying idle for over ten years. Their owners cannot agree how to work them. It only costs them a few dollars a have been lying idle for over ten years.

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year to hold them idle. In the meantline,
the school at Silverton is closed for want
of scholars, the Nakusp & Slocan rallway, built to accommodate these mines

by the government, has been a constant loser, the public roads and trails, built to render them accessible, are crumbling away, the condition of the towns in the Slocan has gone from bad to worse. Among the owners of the Mountain Chief and Alpha are two at least of our most successful and energetic citizens. I trust they will acquit me of any personal feling in alluding to their properties.

Supposed you raleed your revenues for the city of Nelson by a tax on the gross amount of goods sold by the different merchants. Would such a tax stimulate the enterprise of your merchants? Would your citizens like to see The Hudson's Bay store, for example, shut up for ten years and its owners untaxed, because they could not agree on how to manage it? It is not encouraging to those desirous of establishing customs smelters, separators, etc., that the mines on which they rely for their ore may be closed down indefinitely at the caprice of their owners. How should be feel if an American syndicate found it convenient to tie up the entire zinc, lead or copper industry of this province for the sake of decreasing the output, yet this is liable to happen and our present system of taxation would make it extremely cheap to do so.

Let us cease to lay practically the whole burden of taxation on the progressive people who do the work, let us make it expensive to hold mining property for those who do not intend to develop it, and we may confidently expect progress worthy of the great mineral resources of our province.

Yours truly,

New Denver, Jan. 22.

QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED BY ASSOCIATED BOARDS

RESOLUTIONS SENT IN

MANY IMPORTANT MATTERS ARE SUBMITTED

The appended resolutions from the executive of the Assoc ated Boards of Trade and the boards of trade of Fernie, Kaslo.

can mining camps.

Resolved, that the immediate extenon of the railway line from Arrow lake to Gerrard is urgently needed: that the executive of the Associated Boards of Trade be directed to take the matter up with the Canadian Pacific Railway company and ask them to proceed with the ork, and that the executive be instructed to co-operate in any movement likely to bring this about.

Resolved, that the attention of the provincial government be called to the argent necessity for the appointment of ditional fruit inspectors, who shall maintain a periodic inspection of all growing orchards within the province with a view of arresting in their incipiency any form of injurious fruit pests

that may from time to time appear. Resolved, that the provincial government be requested to offer aid towards the construction of railway and tramway lines in the valley of the Duncan river and in the valley of the south fork of the Kaslo river. Such aid to be at least equal in amount in each case to the cost of a first-class wagon road.

The Trail Board of Trade send in the

following: Whereas, as it appears that on account of the high price of London lead existing at present, and also the smaller tonnage produced during the earlier part of the bounty period there will be a considerable part of the \$500,000 appropriation for each year of the first three years of the bounty which will not be disbursed, and possibly during the other two years there will be similar balances; now therefore, be it

Resolved, that in the opinion of the Associated Boards of Trade it would be of great benefit to the lead mining and the usually dustry of the district if the provisions celebrates it a longer or shorter interof the lead bounty act were extended after the expiration of the original five years until any unearned balance of the total \$2,500,000 be disbursed, and that this resolution be forwarded to the fed-

eral government for action. Whereas, the only refinery in Canada

laughed and proceeded with the regular business of the day. Several petitions for private bills were received, inter alia, one from the Granby Consolidated to amend its corporate act, and another from John Breckenridge and

others to incorporate the St. Mary's and Cherry Creek Railway company. The attorney general's bill to consoli-date and amend the Municipal Clauses

relative proportions. The increased ef-fectiveness of the milia as a whole is shown by the fact that while its number is slightly less, owing to the reduc-tion in the number of officers, the number of units is greater by six batteries of artillery, two regiments of infantry and two of cavalry.

There is an increase of the permanent force to 4.677. This is for the purpose of providing garrisons for Halifax and Esquimalt.

CHINESE NEW YEAR.

Celestials Begin Their Celebration Today and Will Keep it Up 10 Deys Last evening a few fire crackers exploding on the water front signalled the end of the 31st year of the reign of emperor Kuang Hsu and with the new moon tomorrow begins the 32nd year of that most auspicious reign. Every Chinaman will be as resplendent in silks and satins and embroidered paper shoes as his means and the untoward thaw will permit. Occidental people know when their new year will start. The Chinese leave the matter in the hands of the Peking astrologers. The year commences on a new moon about Janhary or February and consists of either 12 or 13 months, the months being of 29 or 30 days. When the calendar is apparently hopelessly disarranged an inter calary month is poked into the almanac and things go along again for about another three years. Then the new year is governed as to the day of the start by the hour of birth of the new moon and altgether the calendar is something that would puzzle the western astron-

In the west the new year is about the val according to his means. For this, and other reasons, John likes all his debts paid to him by New Year and so start the next run round the sun on an even basis. To maintain one's credit with the laundryman it therefore behooves his clients to have him paid up producing gold and silver is located at | on that occasion, even if he has been behind the rest of the year. Visitors

which was heavy, and therefore required great srength in propelling the stones. The result of the games was as follows: Grand Challenge-Pretty beat McQueen, 16 to 0.

Walkerville-Gomm beat Buchanan, 11

to 3.

Kottenay Curling association trophyGilmour beat Forin, 16 to 8. This was a very closely contested game up to the minth end, when the score stood 8 all, Gilmour in the last three ends scoring 1, 4 and 3 respectively. Kenyon beat Modynn, 11 to 10. At the

ander, of Kaslo. Details of the conference cannot be earned, but Mr. Adams returned to Spokane Sunday morning and no change has yet been made. Whether he has fin-ally decided that the new rate shall stand, or still has the matter under conmine owners concerned.

GREENWOOD'S NEW AMBULANCE Two Deaths at the Hospital-Patient Re-

covering from Operation
(Special to The Laily News)
Greenwood, Jan. 22—The new city ambulance, ordered from Philadelphia, nas arrived and is now on duty at the Palace stables. This is a handsome up to date vehicle and cost \$40.50 including freight charges. At the instance of Duncan Ross, M.P., the Great Northern gave half freight rates and the customs authorities remitted the duty. Private enterprise raised the sum of \$500 for the ambulance and the city will pay the difference in cost as well as maintaining the service.

Matt Rugle, the man who was hurt at the Mother Lode mine, died in the hospital an Sunday, after passing through a second operation. He was an Austrian and isaves a wife and family.

J. W. Bishop, manager of the Victoria hotel here, died in the hospital yesterday afternoon. The remains will be shipped to Port Arthur for burial,

Mrs. Spencer, who recently underwent a severe operation at the hospital, is propressing favorably. covering from Operation

SKYLARK DEVELOPMENT CO.

Meeting of Shareholders—Satisfactory Reports and Excellent Prospects ports and Excellent Prospects
(Special to The Daily News)
Phonix, Jan. 22—The annual general meeting of the Skylark Development company, composed almost entirely of residents of Phoenix, has just been held here, at the company's office in the Bank block. The company has been steadily operating one of the most promising high grade mines in the Boundary, the Skylark group, located between Greenwood and Phoenix. The operations thus far have been attended with gratifying success. At the meeting the reports of the manager and secretary-treasurer were received and approved by the shareholders.

O. B. Smith, Jr., the manager, gave a detailed description of the development, etc., from which it appears that in the calendar year 1905 over 1000 feet of sinking, raising, drifting and crosscutting was done on the property. The mine is now develop-

Resolved, in order that the Canadian gold and silver any be used for Canadian projects the dominion government be requested to purchase gold and silver at Trail on the same basis as the United States purchases these metals through its askeys offices located at such points as Seattle, Wash, Helena, Mont., and other places, and thereby prevent the exportation of Canadian gold and silver to the United States.

SESSION A BRIEF ONE
HOUSTON CREATES MERRIMENT IN THE HOUSE.

FIRST BILLS TO OCCUPY THE LEGISLATURE'S TIME.

PRIVATE BILLS TO OCCUPY THE LEGISLATURE'S TIME.

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MAYOR FAVORS SCHEME

W. G. GILLETT'S VIEWS ON SCHEME FOR ADVERTISING CITY.

PREPARED TO ADVOCATE FINAN-CIAL ASSISTANCE BY COUNCIL\_\_\_

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the city for the expenditure of the I suggest.

"It is only today that I have been spoken to on the matter at all. I hope that the movement will soon take definite form. It is not a function of the city council, though I am in favor of the council granting substantial assistance. I hope that the scheme will be placed in capable hands and prosecuted vigorously, and without delay."

ASSOCIATED BOARDS

Resolutions from Cranbrook and Rossland for Annual Meeting Following is the text of the Rossland and Cranbrook resolutions which are to be laid before the annual meeting of the associated boards of trade at Cranbrook:
Rossland—1. Resolved, that the provincial government be asked to survey and subdivide into blocks, in all suitable locations. subdivide into blocks, in all suitable locations along railways and streams adjacent or tributary thereto, all lands that are suitable for fruit growing, general gardening and farming, making surveyors describe the soil and topographical features of each block and in localities requiring irrigation report on the local water supply with a view to its being applied to irrigation purposes, and that majs and full particulars of the lands, with prices, os subdivided, be published and distributed so that settlers may be attracted to such ands, which can be sold at much less prices than private persons offer similar lands for, and at the same time be made to realize a very large revenue to the gov-

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2. Resolved, that the provincial government be requested to set aside immediately one-eighth of all vacant crown lands in the province-including the coal under such lands—in aid of public and technical schools and for other educational purposes.

3. Resolved that this board is of the opinion that the late amendments to the School act injuriously affect rural school districts, and that such amendments will, if they remain on the statute books, make it very difficult, if not impossible, to efficiently carry on the schools, and this board is of the opinion that this is a matter which should receive the earnest consideration of the associated boards of trade.

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4. A resolution will also be presented with a view to reducing the price of high explosives when used for mining, and farming operations.

5. Resolutions may also be presented covering matters that have been brought up at former conventions and have not been disposed of.

Cranbrook—I. Resolved that whereas no adequate development of the agricultural, mineral and forest reserves of the Kootenay and Columbia valleys in East Kootenay is possible without railway transportation; therefore

Be it resolved, that the government be assistance to the Kootenay Cen way as will secure its immediate

assistance to the Kootenay Central ratiway as will secure its immediate construction.

2. Whereas, from the foot of St. Mary's
lake westward, along the St. Mary's valley, there is no wagon road for the accommodation of the large number of mining properties being developed in that
section, and the present wagon road terminates at a place where there is no accommodation for horses or otherwise and
is an inconvenient terminus, and in consequence the existing road from Marysville is practically worthless for mining
purposes; and
Whereas, at the present time is considerable development work being done on
the properties on Alki and White Fish and
other tributary streams, between the said
lake and the forks of the St. Mary's river,
about 20 miles west of the foot of the
lake, and the need for a wagon road to
that point is most urgent and would provide a suitable and convenient terminus;
and
Whereas, a number of trails built by
the government in that section to the
various mining centres cannot now be
used effectively for the reasons before
mentioned; now
Therefore, the Associated Boards of
Trade resolves as follows:
That in their opinion the wagon road
to the foot of St. Mary's lake should be
continued westward to the said forks of
St. Mary's river, ond that the provincial
government should be urged to undertake
the work as soon as practicable.

altogether. It is expected that G. W. Orchard, at present of Ymir, will be transferred here in connection with the new undertaking. Some 3,000,000 feet of timber is to be cut up Lamb creek, but some difficulty will be experienced with this undertaking, for just at present the snow is lying four or five feet deep in some places on the hills.

CHURCHMEN'S CLUB

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The Churchmen's club began its existence last evening under most favorable circumstances. The membership is already 45, nearly all of whom were present in St. Saviour's mission room last evening. The object of the club is friendly social gathering. The club room will be open every evening. Programs will be arranged on regular meeting nights to be tixed by the executive committee.

The officers elected are: President, E. A. Crease; vice-president, R. J. Steel; secretary-treasurer, A. H. Coppen; committee, E. J. Marks, G. H. Playle, V. Eperson, S. A. Wye, W. H. Mawdsley and E. W. Widdowson. mittee, E. J. Marke, G. H. Playle, V. Epperson, S. A. Wye, W. H. Mawdsley and E. W. Wildowson.

During the evening music, vocal and instrumental was contributed by Messrs. Jowett, Grizzelle, Evans, Marks, Wye, Parker, Hearn and Meacham.

"Shal Ireland be Granted Home Rule?" was keenly debated by R. J. Clark and E. A. Crease for the affirmative—Mr. Crease staking the place of Wm. Ebbs—and J. Fraser and G. R. G. O'Driscoli in the negative. A majority vote of those present decided in favor of the negative. A candid discussion later revealed the fact that there was not a convinced Home hat there was not a convinced that there was any Ruler present,
Refreshments were served later and a
very successful and enjoyable meeting
was concluded with the singing of the
National Anthem.

PHOENIX COUNCIL MEETS. Phoenix, Jan. 23 .- The first meeting, Proceink, Jan. 23.—The first meeting, according to statute, of the new city council was held last evening, when mayor Rumberger and aldermen Marshall, McKenzie, Oxley, Brown and Kane took the oath of office, aldermen Carson being the only absentee. The names of W. X. McDonald and M. H. Kane were recommended to the government for appointment as licensing and police commissioners, and the council authorized the mayor to proceed and get the gov ernment engineer to make a report regarding the sewerage system for the city as recommeded by Dr. C. J. Fagan, pro-vincial health officer of the province, who was a recent visitor from Victoria on this business.

STOCKS STILL FALLING

PRICES ON NEW YORK EXCHANGE SUFFER FURTHER DECLIN

TRADING ACTIVE AND MONEY EASY - WHEAT AGAIN DROPS

Stocks on the New York exchange surfered another marked decline yesterday. As usual, bull efforts maintained high prices at the opening of the session and for several hours afterward. But the efforts could not be sustained and the session closed with a falling market, which showed no sign of rallying. Reading and Union Pacific, which have been the most active stocks lately, suffered the greatest losses. Of the industrial securities Amalgamated Copper was most affected.

Wheat again declined on both Liverpool and Chicago markets, although on the latter the July option gained one point.

STOCKS—The stock market opened very strong and held firm, as it did yesterday whereas, a number of trails built by the government in that section to the various mining centres cannot now be used effectively for the reasons before mentioned; now.

Therefore, the Associated Boards of Trade resolves as follows:

That in their opinion the wagon road to the foot of St. May's lake should be continued westward of the toot of St. May's lake should be continued westward that the provincial government should be urged to undertake the work as soon as practicable.

CURLERS FOR ROSSLAND

Five Rinks to Represent Nelson at Kootenay Bonspiel on Monday.

With every appearance of settled cold weather, and good ice in plenty, no cloud dims the curless sortizon. The Kootenay bonspiel, the great annual series of tournaments, will begin in Rossland tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock with the usual opening event of the home rinks against all comers. The Nelson curlers will not reach Rossland until noon on Monday.

At a general meeting of the club held in the rink yesterday afternoon at 4 oclock, it was decided that the following rinks should represent Nelson at the bonspiel.

W. S. Pearcy, lead; H. McIntyre, No. 2; J. A. Turner, No. 3; A. T. Walley, skip.

A. Holding, lead; T. S. McPherson, No. 2; H. Bird, No. 3; Judge Forin, skiq.

D. G. Booth, lead; J. A. Head, No. 2; E. U. Mackey, No. 3; J. H. Fox, skip.

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L. McInnes, No. 3; C. D. Black-wood, skip.

G. C. Hodge, lead; P. McL. Forin, No. 2; H. Bird, No. 3; Judge Forin, skiq.

D. G. Booth, lead; J. A. Head, No. 2; E. U. Mackey, No. 3; J. H. Fox, skip.

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in such a way that this amount may complete the purchase of such lesser por-tion of the original tract.

DANGEROUS SNOWSLIDE

mashes Five Houses in the Upper Por-tion of Fernie Smashes Five Houses in the Upper Fortion of Fernie

Fernie, Jan. 23.—A snowslide, which might have been attended with fatal consequences, occurred at Coal creek between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning. For three days there had been a steady fall of snow. Last night the temperature rose and rain succeeded the snow, thus making the fall heavy with the added moisture. The houses at Coal creek are built on a rather steep hill side. At the hour mentioned a large body of snow came rushing down the hill at the back of five houses, carrying logs, limbs of trees and outhouses before it. Some of these dwellings had their upper rooms filled with snow and others were crushed in and badly broken up. The escape of the snow penetrated the bedroom, where some of them lay sleeping, badly shattering the house without injury to any one of the house without one the lide was accompanied with a loud roar which awoke nearly all in the same street.

MINES CONSULIDATE Rossland Jan. 20.-All of the details having been completed for the amalga-mation of the Centre Star and War Eagle companies the two are now indissolubly welded into one corporation. The Cen-tre Star purchased the assets of the War Eagle and the ground of the two com-panies, together with their machinery, will hereafter be operated by the Centre Star Consolidated Mining Co, The owners of the Mable mineral

claim, who reside in Spokane, have de cided to resume operations on it and on Monday a force of men under Mr. Mc-Coy will be put to work on development. Several years since a considerable amount of development work was done on the Mable and some ore of a fair

CZAR'S CONCESSIONS St. Petersburg, Jan. 24.—Further concessions have been granted to the Jews in the governments of Russia where they enjoy the right of domicile by the addition of 133 places, in the country districts where they will be permitted to reside without bindrance. reside without hindrance.

## YEAR'S WORK WELL BEGUN

New City Council Shows Industry, Despatch and Harmony

Engineer Reports Efficiency and Economy Being Attained in Construction of the Power Plant--List of Committees

The city council for 1906 began its work last evening in exemplary fashion. Reports from various departments were eccived, generally of a satisfactory na ture, and promptly referred to commit-tees to report. The mayor's slate of standing committees follows the amend-ment made last year by mayor Houston in perpetuating the tramway, fire and

health committee. Chairmanships are allotted to aldermen Rose, Hume, Selous and Annable.

Several problems bequeathed by the council of 1905 were referred to the finance committee and will doubtlessly be disposed of at the next regular meeting. The city engineer reported verbally that excellent progress was being made on the construction of the power plant, and that considerable economies were being effected.

being effected.

A recommendation from chief Sargent that an official of the fire department be dismissed threatened for a while to revive the squabble over that branch of the site's sarving but the council unertice. the city's service, but the council unanimously accepted 'Ald. Selous' advice to adhere strictly to the policy of non-interference laid down in Ald. Annable's

fire by-law of 1905.

A financial statement for 1905 will be presented and published as soon as the overworked city treasurer can complet

For the present at least no change will be made in the fire limits by-law, al-though some changes may be approved later, if the city solicitor can devise a means for so doing without weakening the by-law otherwise.

The allocation of seats was performed

by the mayor and city clerk; aldermen Rose, Irving and Kirkpatrick on the mayor's right, aldermen Hume, Selous and Annable on his left, with the representative of the press at the foot of the table. Mayor Gillett called the council to

order promptly at 8 o'clock, all the mem-

bers being present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The mayor named the following standing committees:

Finance—Aldermen Rose, Selous and Kirkmerick.

Kirkpatrick.
Public Works—Aldermen Hume, Annable and Kirkpatrick.
Water and Light—Aldermen Selous, Hume and Rose.
Tramway, Fire and Health—Aldermen

Annable, Seleus and Irving.

The mayor asked the opinion of the council as to the advisability of having a special power plant committee. Aldermen Irving, Rose, Selous and Annable thought it might safely be left to the mayor and the public works committee. The city engineer explained that while the mayor had full authority to in-struct him, he did not specially desire

The mayor named 8 o'clock p.m. on alternate Monday evenings from last night as the regular time of meetings, which was approved by the council. A report was received from T. A. Weeks, superintendent of street railway system, recommending that a complete extra set of four armatures be purchased are fit for use, three at Peterboro being rewound, and two in the barn out of re-pair. It was stated that the small car was much harder an armatures than

he large ones. On motion of aldermen Rose and Hume, the report was referred to the tramway committee.

A report from J. McPhee, superintendent of electric lights, stated that the total expenditure of the department for 1905 was \$18,034.52, the revenue, \$28,056.-97, the balance still due the city \$3,880.13, a total profit of \$13,902.58. The city also furnishes free lights to the value of \$2,040 per year. The revenue in 1904 was \$29,775.18, but the city clerk ex-

plained that the apparent decrease was due to different methods of book-keep-The report was referred to the fire, water and light committee.

Three letters were received from W. A. Macdonald, K.C., city solicitor, all written on Jan. 18. The first reported that the city solicitor, R. S. Lennie and Harry Wright, M.L.A., had seen the government and presented the city solicitor. eriment and presented the city's case for a new court house as strongly as possible. The second letter reported briefly on the conduct of the city's appeal case, as already published. The hird reported a search in the lands and works department for the city's title to the foreshore, which is in an unsatisfac-

ory condition, owing to clerical errors On motion of Ald. Selous, the mayor was instructed to confer with the city solicitor as to having the city's title to the foreshore rectified. The other letters were filed.

A letter from chief Sargent, of the fire epartment, stated that on the evening of January 17, an officer of the departoffending officer alleged that he was called a foul name, which, however, no one else present heard. He recom-mended that the officer be dismissed in he interests of the discipline of the

Many aldermen thought the chief should have suspended the officer and reported to the council. The chief was sent for,